IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION \*

AND ZONING VARIANCE

NEC Wise Avenue & Lynch Road

\* BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

7900 Wise Avenue

12th Election District
7th Councilmanic District

Weinman Corporation

Petitioner

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No. 96-59-XA

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### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner on Petitions for Special Exception and Zoning Variance for the property located at 7900 Wise Avenue in the Dundalk section of Baltimore County. The Petitions are filed by the Weinman Corporation, property owners. Special Exception relief is requested for a fuel service station and convenience store in a B.L.-A.S. zone. Variance relief is requested from Section 405.4.A.2.a. of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), to allow a 22 ft. building setback in lieu of the required 35 ft. All of the relief requested is more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the site plan to accompany the Petitions for Special Exception and Variance.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case was Brian Darnell on behalf of High's of Baltimore, Inc., the business which presently operates and proposes expansion on site. Also present was John Sherwood III, a Consultant with Legg Mason Realty Group. Michael Maguire and Melanie Moser from Daft, McCune, Walker also appeared and testified. The Petitioner was represented by G. Scott Barhight, Esquire. Numerous residents of the surrounding locale appeared in opposition to the request. Spokesmen for these residents were Martin Spatafore and Scott Gardner.

Examination of the site plan shows that the subject property is located on the northeast corner of Wise Avenue and Lynch Road in Dundalk. The subject property is approximately .547 acres in area and is zoned B.L.-A.S. Photographs of the site which were submitted which show that the

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subject property is presently improved with a High's Convenience Store, a Sunny's Surplus store and a drycleaners. Presently, there are four curb cuts which provide access to the property. Two of these curb cuts abut Wise Avenue and the other two abut Lynch Road.

Darnell, Vice President of Highs of Baltimore, Inc., testified and described his company's plans. He is employed in the Real Estate Division of High's of Baltimore, Inc. He noted that the subject property is improved with an existing High's store which is 2,080 sq. ft. in area. The store has been in operation for approximately 10 years. As noted above, two other businesses operate on the site, a Sunny's Surplus Discount Store High's proposes making extensive renovations to the and a drycleaners. The Sunny's Surplus and drycleaning business will be closed and Two fuel pump islands will be installed to dispense buildings removed. The High's store will remain. Mr. Darnell noted that his company is changing its marketing strategy to adjust to changing conditions in the market place. He noted that many oil companies are doing away with their service garage operations and repair businesses. As is clear to anyone who drives the roadways in Baltimore County, many of the oil companies are operating fuel service only facilities with accessory convenience stores. In an effort to meet this competition, High's Convenience Store will offer Mr. Darnell noted that the present hours of operation, 5:30 fuel sales. A.M. to 11:00 P.M., 7 days a week, will remain the same. Moreover, High's store will continue to sell the same merchandise as before.

Section 405 of the BCZR regulates fuel service stations in Baltimore County. Section 405.3 provides that the Zoning Commissioner, prior to granting any special exception for a fuel service station, should consider the presence of abandoned fuel service stations in the vicinity of the proposed site. If an abandoned fuel service station is located within one

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half mile of the subject property, a rebuttable presumption is established that there is no need for the proposed use.

Testimony and evidence from the Petitioner is that there are no abandoned stations within one-half mile. The Petitioner admits that other stations have closed within the area, however, contend that same have not been legally abandoned.

Nonetheless, the Petitioner offered testimony to rebut the presumption raised within Section 405.3 of the BCZR. In this regard, the testimony of John R. Sherwood, a Vice President of Legg Mason Realty Group, was elicited and his report was submitted as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 5. The report speaks for itself and will not be reviewed in detail here. Needless to say, however, it concludes that the High's Convenience Store, coupled with fuel sales, is economically viable at this location and would serve the needs of this community. Based upon this testimony, I am persuaded that High's has met the standard established within Section 405 of the BCZR.

Testimony was also received from Stephanie Moser, a Landscape Architect with the firm of Daft, McCune, Walker. She submitted copies of the site plan proposed landscape plan which show the numerous improvements which are proposed for this site. In addition to extensive buffering around the perimeter of the property, two entrances will be closed, one on Lynch Road and the other on Wise Avenue. This will clearly result in better internal traffic circulation on the property, as well as reducing the number of curb cuts to these public streets and providing an enhanced safety factor. It is also to be noted that the internal impervious area of the subject site will be reduced.

For their part, the Protestants are distrustful of High's plans. Many of their comments related to the lack of need for additional fuel sales station in this location and concerns over the loss of the drycleaners and

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Sunny's Surplus business. It is to be noted, however, that preferences in retail use are not a basis upon which zoning relief can be denied.

Comments were also received from the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee. This committee is composed of agencies of Baltimore County which review zoning Petitions and offer recommendations to the Zoning Commissioner. A comment from the Office of Planning and Zoning states that "The proposed change of the site will contribute to the ongoing effort to improve the commercial corridor along Wise Avenue." I concur. In my view, the Protestants' concerns are unfounded and the proposed development offers an opportunity for real improvement and upgrade to this old commercial site.

The Petition for Special Exception for the subject use must be considered in accordance with the standards set forth in Sections 405 and 502.1 of the BCZR. In my view, the Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of these sections. There is no basis on which to conclude that the proposed use will cause a detriment to the health, safety or general welfare of the locale. To the contrary, I concur with the Office of Planning and Zoning and find that the proposed use will be a real benefit to the vicinity. Thus, the Petition for Special Exception should be granted.

The Petition for Zoning Variance should also be approved. This Petition is requested to essentially legitimize existing conditions. A requested setback relates to the distance from southwest corner of the building to the street right of way on Lynch Road. There is no practical reason for relocating the building to meet this setback. Such a relocation would disrupt internal traffic flow and circulation. Moreover, it is clear that the property is unique in view of its irregular shape. That is, the intersection of Lynch Road and Wise Avenue is not the classic cross shaped intersection which is preferred by Traffic Engineering. The angled intersection results in reduced side yard area on the subject lot and the need for the

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requested variance. In my view, the Petitioner has satisfied the tests for a variance to be granted as set forth in Section 307.1 of the BCZR and the case law.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance from Section 405.4.A.2.a. of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), to allow a 22 ft. building setback, in lieu of the required 35 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions:

- 1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- 2. The subject business shall operate only in the hours of 5:30 A.M. to 11:00 P.M., 7 days per week.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

October 11, 1995

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire David K. Gildea Whiteford, Taylor and Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petitions for Special Exception and Variance Case No. 96-59-XA Weinman Corp:, Petitioner

#### Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered on the above captioned case. The Petitions for Special Exception and Zoning Variance have been granted, with restrictions, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3353.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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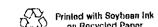
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cc: Mr. Brian Darnell, 1340-L Charwood Road, Hanover, Md. 21076

cc: Mr. Martin Spatafore, 7914 Diehlwood Road, Balto. Md. 21222

cc: Mr. Scott Gardner, 7922 Wise Avenue, Balto.Md. 21222

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# Petition for Special Exception

# to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

7900 Wise Avenue

which is presently zoned

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This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management,

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for

Fuel service station and convenience store.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filling of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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Section 405.4A.2.A -- to allow a 22' (twenty-two foot) building set-back in lieu of the equired 35' building set-back.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or

.To be presented at the hearing.

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# Description to Accompany Petition for Special Exception and Variance

#### 0.55 Acre Parcel

# Northeast Side of Wise Avenue

### Southeast Side of Lynch Road

Twelfth Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland



Daft MCune Walker, Inc.

200 East Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21286 410 296 3333 Fax 296 4705

A Team of Land Planners, Landscape Architects, Engineers, Surveyors & Environmental Professionals

Beginning for the same on the northeast side of Wise Avenue and being at the end of the second of the two following courses and distances measured from the point formed by the intersection of the centerline of Lynch Road with the centerline of Wise Avenue (1) South 57 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds East 48 feet, more or less, thence (2) North 19 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds East 36 feet, more or less, thence leaving said beginning point and binding on the said side of Wise Avenue (1) Northwesterly by a line curving to the right with a radius of 20.00 feet for a distance of 27.47 feet (the arc of said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 18 degrees 36 minutes 07 seconds West 25.36 feet having a beginning tangent bearing of North 57 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds West and a departing tangent bearing of North 19 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds East) to intersect the northeast side of Lynch Road, thence binding thereon (2) North 19 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds East 133.61 feet, thence leaving said side of Lynch Road and running the following two courses and distances, viz: (3) South 57 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds East 179.43 feet, and thence (4) South 32 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds West 147.09 feet to intersect said side of Wise Avenue, thence binding thereon (5) North 57 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds West 133.61 feet to the place of beginning; containing 0.55 acres of land, more or less.

96-59-XA

# THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE.

August 8, 1995

Project No. 95001 (L95001)



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#### ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

#### PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

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Item No.: 58

Petitioner: Weinman Corp.

Location: 7100 Wise Ave.

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Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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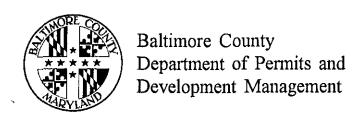
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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

August 25, 1995

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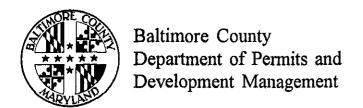
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

September 13, 1995

G. Scott Barhight Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No.: 58

Case No.: 96-59-XA

Petitioner: Mark Weinman

Dear Mr. Barhight:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on August 8, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw
Attachment(s)

# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

## INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon,	Director, PDM	DATE:	August	29,	1995
FROM: Pat Keller,	Director, OP				
SUBJECT: 7900 Wise	Avenue				
INFORMATION:					
Item Number:	58				
Petitioner:	Weinman Corporation	<u></u>		·	<del></del>
Property Size:			<del></del>		
Zoning:	BL-AS				
Requested Action:	Special Exception and Variance				<del></del>
Hearing Date:				<del></del>	
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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Aug. 28, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review Division

RE:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for August 28, 1995

Item 058

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. If the Special Exception is granted, the new entrance shall be built per Dept. of Public Works Standard Plate R-29 and Plate R-36, Road and Street Details.

The final landscape plan must include major deciduous trees along Lynch Road and Wise Avenue.

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## Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 08/23/95

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

LOCATION: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 1995

Item No.: SEE BELOW Zoning Agenda:

#### Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:29,55,56,57,58,60,62,63 & 64.

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REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD
Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

# INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

ZADM Joyce Watson

DATE: 8/34/95

FROM:

DEPRM

Development Coordination

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Agenda: 8/21/95

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

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David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

8-16-95Baltimore County Item No. 058 (5LL)

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief

**Engineering Access Permits** 

BS/es

My telephone number is \_\_

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# **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

# Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE:

August 8, 1995

TO:

**Hearing Officer** 

FROM:

John L. Lewis

Planner II, PDM

SUBJECT:

Item #58

7900 Wise Avenue

There is a 2-foot parking aisle with deficiency at one point (20 feet in lieu of 22 feet, per Section 409.4C), which was not covered in the variance. The applicant desired to file without referencing this request with the intent of red-lining a plan at the hearing to correct the problem. They wished to file ASAP and I advised them of potential risks of doing the red-line at the hearing though I am not opposed to their proposed correction (of course).

The "C" store is more than 1,500 square feet so it is a special exception use-in-combination with a service station.

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION	*	BEFORE THE
PETITION FOR VARIANCE 7900 Wise Avenue (High's), NEC Wise Ave	*	ZONING COMMISSIONER
and Lynch Road, 12th Election District, 7th Councilmanic	*	OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
Weinman Corporation Petitioner	*	CASE NO. 96-59-XA

#### ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

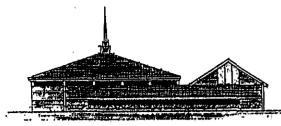
CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 47, Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
(410) 887-2188

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this <u>13 Y</u> day of September, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to G. Scott Barhight, Esquire and David K. Gildea, Esquire, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 400, Towson, MD 21204, attorneys for Petitioner.

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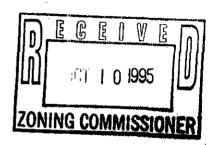


# Eastern Assembly of God

7923 Wise Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21222 Pastor George Raduano (410) 285-6010

October 4, 1995

THE HONORABLE JUDGE LAWRENCE SCHMIDT Zoning Commission - Old Court House 400 Washington Ave.
Room 112
Towson, MD 21204



Dear Judge Schmidt,

I am writing concerning the proposed zoning variance at the corner of Lynch Rd. and Wise Ave. in Dundalk.

To my knowledge everyone in the area is opposed to the variance, especially those close by. It will affect their privacy and work a hardship because it will decrease residential property values.

We do not feel that there is a need for an other service station here, for the following reasons:

- 1. There are ample service stations on Wise Ave., Holabird Ave. and Merritt Blvd. and also a new service station on the corner of German Hill Rd. and Plainfield Rd. All within a one mile radius.
- 2. Across from the proposed site, on each corner there used to be service stations which are both closed probably due to lack of business.
- 3. The Wise Ave, traffic has been greatly reduced due to reduction of employees at the steel mills.
- 4. Those who have invested in residential property will be forced to absorb a loss in property value.
- 5. Neighbors and businesses are satisfied with its present use.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,

George Raduano

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Pastor

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9 September 1995

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The community of Wise Ave and Diehlwood Rd certainly
do PROTEST this change. We do NOT want 2 gas pumps under our single lovely homes windows.

Therefore, we petition this action?

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17 September 1995 7914 Diehlwood Rd. Baltimore 21222, Md.

DEPARTMENT OF ZONING, Baltimore County, Case #96-59 - XA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please understand if it were humanly possible for my husband (John) and myself (Irene Spatafore) to be at this hearing, we most certainly would be. But we will be out-of-town. Therefore, we are sending our son Martin John Spatafore to represent us with this letter.

About 30 years other people in this community be it elders or Civic Assc. they were interested in keeping this area strictly residential and blocked a proposed Deli-Confectionary Store and maybe package goods and we are eternally grateful for Diehlwood Rd. and Wise Ave to remain residential. They also blocked in the 1970's a proposed Day Care Center. Both of these businesses wanted to create another driveway entrance on Diehlwood Rd. We were never against people themselves but to the zoning change.

We think that this posted Zoning Notice of wanting to tear down Old Sunny's and Courtesy Cleaners and put up 2 big gas pumps is deplorabele. We don't want to known for the most hazardous corner in Dundalk. And to think these 3 perimeter homes will not be able to open a window or door because of the gas fumes is just outrageous. I sympathize for these people, because I could have been 1 of these home owners. Real Estate has Diehlwood Rd. listed as a Prime street in Dundalk, but who knows if our house value takes a turn for the worst.

I walked these many houses with the enclosed signatures and neighbors are upset to even think of the extra crime rate this will bring. What is robbed more??? Convenience stores and gas stations. I would dread the thought of the offenders jumping fences and hiding around houses (individual) on Diehlwood Rd. and Wise Ave.

The congestion at this corner is more than any driver wants to contend with. The childrens safety is another factor. I wish I had more time to go to the principles of Our Lady of Hope, General John Stricker and Patapsco Senior High and make them aware of all the above hazards. But, time was against me. 15 days was not enough to see and talk to every : ... one concerned.

You must remember this neighbor is 36 and 38 years old. Therefore, the representation today might be small but this was not our intent. We have many elders on this street, windows and widowers, ages 89, 84, 84, 78, etc. The last 6 houses sold in the last 5-6 years all are young and both need to work. Our latest homeowner are in their 20's and bought & March 1994. The last empty lot on Diehlwood was just sold this past July '95 to property owners in their 30's.

I will keep pounding the sidewalks in this community as long as it stays liveable and safe for all of us. Prof (A

Thank You,

Irene Spatafore

JONATHAN F. GERLACH

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND My Commission Expires March 17, 1997

September 18, 1995 7908 Diehlwood Road Baltimore, MD 21222

To Whom It May Concern: Re: Case#96-59 - XA

I wish to voice my opposition to the proposed zoning variance for the property located at Wise Avenue and Lynch Roads. The property is currently occupied by the High's convenience store, Wise Buys, and Courtesy cleaners.

The proposed zoning variance to relax the standard amount of footage to locate fuel pumps on the property is not in the best interest of the community, may well lead to a dangerous situation due to the nature and size of the property, and should be denied.

I understand that the standard number of feet for locating fuel pumps is 35 feet from the street and the variance proposes to locate the pumps only 22 feet from the street. This variance proposes to relax the normal standards regarding footage required for locating fuel pumps by more than one third! This fact, coupled with the fact that the property is boarded by residential properties on its rear and one side, certainly should be enough to disapprove the variance.

Relaxing footage requirements by such a large amount may be acceptable in a rural area or in an area that is sparsely populated. The area in which the variance is proposed is congested, withstands a lot of foot traffic due to the schools, churches, and businesses in the area, and is not conducive to locating fuel pumps in such a small space.

As a property owner just around the corner from the proposed site, I am dismayed at what might happen to property values in the neighborhood if such a liberal variance is granted and I urge you to deny the request.

Sincerely,

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Who Am I? My name is Elizabeth Wanek and 1 live at 7906 Wise Ave. next to the complex of Courtesy Cleaners, Old Sunny's Surplus (Wise Buys now) and High's Convience Store.

I bought my home 38 years ago and kept my premises very nicely groomed and cleaned. I was thrilled to have moved here mostly because of my daughter and son-in-law and 2 grandaughters living 8 houses up the street on Wise Ave from me. What Mother and Dad wouldn't been happier to have their only child living this close.

My husband died July 4th, 1983, so you see I've lived there 12 years by myself and I do not drive, so talk about a convenient family. I am blessed.

My house is a 2 bedroom rancher, (no steps) and lots of windows for light and air. I have watched businesses open and close on those four (4) corners of Wise and Lynch Rds. But mostly what I have enjoyed the most is the children walking and being guided across the streets by an official crossing guard. I have seen all kinds of dress codes, all shapes and sizes. But I've watched them grow up from Our Lady of Hope Elementary School, to General John Stricker and Patapsco Senior High School.

Please don't make my corner so much : more congested for those future generations of children. Make them safe.

I am sorry I cannot be with you today but I took sick this July and I am on oxygen and not able to move around much. But if I were well, you would all be hearing from me and listaning to a lady in her 80's.

I do not understand, at this time, my daughter Mrs. Bernadine Sizemore is now my spokesperson.

Sincerely,

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15 September 1995 7920 Wise Avenue Baltimore 21222, Md.

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Our names are Bernadine and James Sizemore and we are also 38 year residents of Wise Ave and are now caregivers with legal authority for Mrs. Elizabeth Wanek at 7906 Wise Ave ( the main house in issue next to this complex.)

Department of Zoning I do not understand why you gave this community of Diehlwood Rd. and Wise Ave, approximately 35 houses (individual) with so much concern of only 15 days of a posted Zoning Notice. My friends and neighbors, helped us so much getting this petition together but there was so much more work to do.

Mainly my husband and I cannot be at this hearing because of a planned trip (9 months ago) and we are so upset because of this overbearing request. to put of all things - smelly and fume digested gas pumps. What is the Real Estate value of all these 35 homes. Century 21 agents tell me because of this "obstruction" the value of these many homes will go down but mostly my Mother's at 7906 Wise Ave and the other 2 houses 7901 Diehlwood Rd. and 7907 Diehlwood

Yes, there was a gas station (on the point) many years ago but we did not have the pollution that everyone is putting up with now or the many more homes built in this area, or the over-bearing population and the many more hundreds of cars daily on this corner.

If time permitted, I would have gone to the Baltimore County Police Station, Merritt Blvd, Dundalk and got the statistics of the many accidents on this very, very busy corner.

Plus my Mother fought many battles and jumped many hurdles to keep this complex clean. Sorry to say but the owner of this property is not clean at all. His grass is over-run around gardens, junk and debris is always piled up in back. Oh the public might not see it but it was an eye-sore to my Mom at all times. Therefore, what kind of landlord can we expect now, abandoned gas caps, oil drums piled up and more debris?????

We as the caregivers of this property of 7906 DO NOT feel it wise to grant you the 13 feet shortage in order to obtain this permit. And we are happy to see and hear that our neighbors are such caring people for their own properties.

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Thank you.

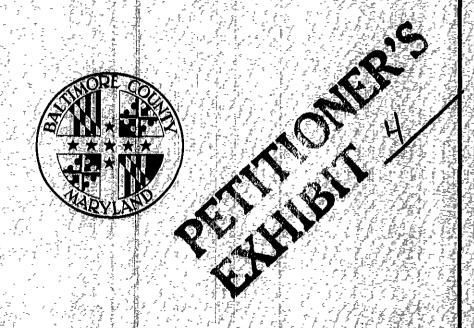
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PETITION AND SITE PLAN

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# Final Report

# Market Analysis

# GAS AND GO OPERATION AT THE WISE AVENUE HIGH'S DAIRY STORE ALK, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

# Prepared For:

# HIGH'S OF BALTIMORE, INC. 1340-L Charwood Road Hanover, Maryland 21076

Prepared By:

# LEGG MASON REALTY GROUP, INC.

7 E. Redwood Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

BSC 3022

September 19, 1995

